

Patrick Connor left his marks, good and bad, on early Utah

Patrick Edward Connor, born in Ireland, begorrah, left his mark on Utah in more ways than one.

In his early years here, the Mormons hated him, and he them. But less than 10 years later, he offered to go Brigham Young's bail on one of the several federal court charges the Mormon leader faced at one time or another. His offer was not needed, but Connor made it.

The doughty Irishman, who founded Camp Douglas in October 1862, soon let it be known where he stood by calling Mormons "disloyal and traitorous to the core." It was a remark not exactly designed to win him the Master M Men award — a joke I make with tongue in cheek in my early Utah history class. The Mormons in the class generally laugh. The non-Mormons look blank.

And yet in 1870, when Brigham Young was en route from St. George to face a charge in federal court in Salt Lake City, Connor offered to go his bail if necessary. It wasn't. The offer arose when Brigham Young's party met Connor at Beaver, as Connor was headed for Salt Lake City from Pioche, Nev. Informed that Brigham desired to appear without advance notice and face the charge voluntarily, Connor said he would keep the secret and made the bail offer. By then, Connor was out of the Army, and it was apparent he had mellowed toward the Mormon leader. Mormon historian Orson F. Whitney, later a member of the Council of the Twelve of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, tells the story in his early histories.

Austrian professor to talk on East-W

PROVO — Hans Peter Neuhold, professor of international law at the University of Vienna, Austria, will speak Tuesday on "The Ambiguities of East-West Relations and the European New-Is."

His speech will begin at 10 a.m. in the David M. Kennedy Conference Room of Brigham Young University's Mark Building. His visit is sponsored by the Association for German, Swiss and Austrian Studies at the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies.

Neuhold is director of the International Studies Program at the University of Vienna and teaches law at the

Austrian Defense Vienna Diplomat He is editor-in-Foreign Policy Assistant for the Austrian International Affairs.

An Austrian, the unique position of the countries hold views of the East-West describe neutral concern that the the hardest hit occurs.

Neuhold is fluent and is a respected

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PROVO — Edward A. Geary, BYU professor of English, will speak on "Visiting the Past: Glimpses of Every Life in a Mormon Village" Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Wilkinson Center, Brigham Young University.

Geary will discuss the recollections of three people who lived in various Mormon communities in Emery County, Utah, from the period before 1900, from 1900 to 1940s and 1950s.

The free lecture, sponsored by the Center for Family and Community History, is open to the public. For more information call 378-4386.

A published author of numerous creative works, including "Goodbye to Poplarhaven: Recollections of a Boyhood," and "The Girl who Danced with Butch Cassidy," Geary also has published many critical essays on scholarly works.

Geary received his bachelor's degree in 1960 and his master's in BYU. He earned his doctorate at Stanford University at BYU since 1968 and was named English Department in 1980.

Geary is editor of the intellectual BYU journal "BYU Studies" and is a member of the Utah Arts Council and was president of the Utah Letters in 1984.

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PROVO — The November meeting of the Alzheimer's support group, will be Wednesday, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Regional Medical 5th floor conference room, 1034 N. Fifth. The subject of the meeting will be "Stages of the Illness." Further information contact Bobbie Pillar at 373-9656.

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